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LOCAL NEWS.

—Lenoir court next week.
—Time for gardening is near at hand.

—Select the best of seeds for your garden planting.

—The music class of Miss Thompson is growing nicely.

—Lawyer Frank Linney is attending court at Taylorsville.

—Mrs. Calvin Long, who has been very ill for several weeks, remains quite low.

—Some fields of corn on Cove Creek, remain ungathered, says the Dew Drop.

—The public debate at the Training school next Saturday night.

—A write-up of a recent concert given at Skyland Institute, reached us too late for this issue.

—Messrs Penley & Coffey will soon place their steam saw mill on the lands of H. J. Hardin.

—Messrs Charley Coffey and Frank Critcher were in the county this week looking after some real estate deals.

—Mrs. Emma Taylor, with her bright little family, is spending some time with her mother in town.

—Prof. Fender, of South Dakota, has been spending a few days in town visiting three of his cousins, who are in school here.

—Bob Miller, son of E. B. Miller, who has been in the U. S. Army in the Philippines for the past three years has returned.

—A suspension of the rules for the debate next Saturday evening would be highly appreciated, judging from some sentimental expressions we have heard of late.

—Mr. I. G. McGinnis, of Brushy Fork, tells us that he has sold his farm and will, in the near future, seek a new home in Tennessee or elsewhere.

—J. C. Horton was in the village Tuesday and arranged for building an annex to the residence of Mrs. Ett. Horton for the accommodation of the telephone switch board.

—The directors of the Gwyn & Horton Co. met on the 15th and elected the following officers: R. W. Gwyn President, J. B. Horton, Vice President, and H. W. Horton Sec. and Treas.

—Rev. Mr. Hargett failed to fill his appointment at White Springs last Sunday, as the church building there was considerably wrecked by a recent storm. He is spending this week with the church at Todd.

—Mr. Dudley Farthing who is holding a responsible position in the post office at Oklahoma City, and who has been spending a short vacation with his parents at Watauga Falls, was in town Tuesday. He returns to Oklahoma soon.

—The sick of the town are doing fairly well.

—The weather for the past few days seems to indicate that winter is broken.

—Dr. R. D. Jennings will be at the Blackburn hotel in Boone during court in the interest of the people's bad teeth. 4 t

—Glad to see friend A. S. Adams, of Lenoir, over last week. He told us that while in the county he purchased some very valuable fancy timber on the Rich mountain. He returned home on Thursday.

—The Lenoir News says that the citizens of Globe are preparing to organize a Musical Normal to be held there beginning July 11. The Normal will probably be conducted by Prof. Vaughan, of Tennessee, or Hall, of Virginia.

—Friend A. C. Farthing of Lenoir, passed through Tuesday on his way to Mountain City, Tenn., after a bunch of horses to be used in his livery at Lenoir. He called long enough to "get right" on our books. Thanks.

—Harley Miller son of Calvin Miller of Ashe county, who is now in the University, has been chosen by the District Society as one of the debaters for Commencement. Quite a nice send-off for our mountain boy, and speaks well for his ability.

—F. M. Richards, of Banner Elk, representing the popular firm of E. W. King & Co. was among our merchants Tuesday. Fin is a hustling, good fellow, and says he is traveling for one of the best houses there is at all. A good combination, that.

—The young ladies of Jefferson did themselves much credit in the splendid edition of the Recorder they got out on the 11th inst. With all due respect for the learned editor, we must say that this is the best issue of the paper that we have seen. Let the young ladies try it again dear brother.

—Rev. J. G. Pulliam has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Plano, Texas, and he, with his family, leave tomorrow for his new field of labor. Mr. Pulliam speaks in the highest terms of the people of the Lone Star State, the fertility of her soil, etc. He receives \$1,200 per annum for his services.

—On last Thursday Mr. N. E. Stuart, one of the Training school pupils, received the sad intelligence that his brother in Ashe county had been seriously hurt by a log rolling over him. He left the next morning to see him, but he was dead when he reached there. Young Stuart has the sympathy of all his schoolmates and many friends here.

—Messrs. Ike Greer and J. W. Curtiss went to Lenoir last week to arrange with the boys of Lenoir High School for a joint debate, the same to come off in Lenoir early in April. The query will be, "Resolved, That United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people," our boys having the choice of sides. We take it that Lenoir has good debaters, and knowing the ability of many of our young men, an interesting and entertaining occasion may be looked for.

—Miss Mary Lillington Hardin, of the Greensboro Female College, arrived at her home Tuesday. Although she was the first to discover the fire, she lost many things that were highly prized by her, among them all of her paintings done during the term. We are sorry to know of her losses, but glad indeed to know that she escaped unharmed.

—Mrs. Peggy Green, who has been suffering for many months with cancer of the tongue, died at the home of her son, E. J. Norris, on Howard's Creek, last Tuesday in the 81st year of her age. She had treatment from an eminent cancer specialist but the disease was beyond his control. Mrs. Green was a good, christian lady, and leaves a large posterity and many friends behind.

Purely Business Matters.

—Patronize safe Companies by insuring with Gwyn & Horton Co., North Wilkesboro, N. C.

—It is better to always have insurance and not need it, than to need it once and not have it.

—You can save money by buying your fertilizer from the London Stofel Hdw. Co.

—If you want clover, timothy, red top, orchard grass, dogfoot, or Ky. Blue grass go to the London Stofel Hardware Co.

—The combined assets of the Fire Insurance Companies represented by the Gwyn & Horton Co. North Wilkesboro, N. C. amount to over \$50,400,000.

—The London Stofel Hardware Co. Mt. City, Tenn., carry a 11 kinds of grass seed and are selling good clover at \$7.25 per bu. and up; timothy \$2 and up.

—To the policy holders in the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co. We are glad to say that the year 1903 was a prosperous one for the Co. in which you are insured, and in whose prosperity you share. The increased assets for 1903 was \$577,603.43. Increase in surplus \$50,000. Tell your friends about it and ask them if they don't want a policy in the best Company in the business. Why not patronize home folks by giving your insurance to Gwyn & Horton Company, General agents for North Carolina North Wilkesboro, N. C.

—You will be interesting to know the losses sustained by our Fire Insurance companies in the great Baltimore conflagration. The Home Insurance Co., of New York, lost about \$750,000 which will be paid promptly. They could stand six or eight more such fires and then not lose more than their surplus. The Continental lost about \$750,000 or \$800,000 which will be promptly paid, and have a surplus of \$6,000,000 left. The Insurance Co. of North America lost about \$400,000 which they can easily pay. The Union lost about \$350,000, which they will also pay promptly. So far as we have learned the remainder of our companies all escaped. Gwyn & Horton Co.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
Charles H. Fletcher

NOTICE.
Entry, No. 2440.
State of North Carolina, Office of Entry taker for said county. J. C. Greer enters and locates one hundred acres of land on the waters of Elk River, in Shawneehaw township. Beginning on a chestnut on the horse bottom ridge in J. C. Greer's line and runs to Culver's line, thence with Culver's line to Wm. Vuncannon's corner, thence with Vuncannon's and Guinnard's line to Barlow's line; thence with Barlow's line to J. M. Hyatt's line, thence with said line to J. C. Greer's line, thence with said line to the beginning. Entered Feb. 17, 1904.
H. J. Hardin, Entry Taker.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency.

"I had pains in my back, could not sleep and when I got up in the morning felt worse than the night before. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I can sleep and get up feeling rested and able to do my work. I attribute my cure entirely to Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. J. N. Penney, care H. S. Copeland, Pike Road, Ala.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Cure kidney and liver troubles, relieve the back, and build up the whole system.

The loss by fire at the Greensboro Female College is estimated at \$125,000, with \$35,000, Ins., which will lack a considerable sum of paying off the bonded indebtedness of the institution. But despite this fact, efforts are already being made to secure the funds with which to rebuild.

Educate Your Bowels.

Your bowels can be trained as well as your muscles or your brain. Cascarets Candy Cathartic train your bowels to do right. Genuine tablets stamped C. C. C. Never sold in bulk. All druggists, roc.

GOING WEST?

All who are going West with me will please get ready and meet me at Johnson City, Tenn., on the 18th day of March, 1904. It will cost \$45.75 to almost any point in Oregon, Idaho or Washington. If enough goes will get a car to run there without charge from St. Louis, Mo.

A. M. WOODRING.

Valle Crucis, N. C.

DR. R. D. JENNINGS.

[RESIDENT DENTIST.]

—BANNER ELK, N. C.—

Nothing but the best material used and all work done under a positive guarantee. Persons at a distance should notify me a few days in advance when they want work done. After March the 1st, I have arranged to be at the Blackburn House in Boone on each first Monday. Call on me.

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C. T. Morrison,

(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL)
HICKORY, N. C.

NOTICE.

Entry No. 2439
State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker for said county. Abner Grogan locates and enters [50] fifty acres of land in Cove Creek township on the waters of Sharpe's Creek. Beginning on said Grogan's corner, thence various courses to George Hayes' line, then running with Hayes' line to Jule Isenhour's line, thence to said Hayes' line and with said Hayes' line to the beginning. Entered Feb. 15, 1904.

H. J. Hardin, Entry Taker.

Millinery.

My Stock of up-to-date Millinery is quite "catchy" and I am prepared to suit the most fastidious. My prices are right, the style of goods considered.

I have added to my line a pretty stock of pictures, stationery, etc. Come and see me.

Store on first floor of Blair Hotel.

J. J. COFFEY.

Dissolution Notice.

Change in firm of T. S. Coffey & Co. Mrs. Elizabeth Council who, to Jan. 15, 1904, was a member of the firm of T. S. Coffey & Co., has by mutual consent retired from the firm and is no longer a member. The firm will continue business in the name of T. S. Coffey & Co. the members being T. S. Coffey and M. E. Coffey. This Jan. 15, 1904.
T. S. COFFEY & CO.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Joseph B. Todd, deceased, late of Watauga county, N. C. this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of Jan., 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement. This Jan. 8, 1904.

W. G. TODD, Administrator.
J. C. FLETCHER, Attorney.

NOTICE.

Entry No. 2436.
State of North Carolina, Watauga county, Office of Entry Taker for said county. Cicero Blankenship and Reuben Span enters and locates (300) three hundred acres of land on the waters of Sumpter Cabin creek, a tributary to New River, in Blowing Rock township, beginning at the old Boone road, with Wm. Elrod's line, then running to Richard Green's line, then with said line to L. J. Hartley's line, then with said line to R. K. Hartley's line, then with said line to the old Boone road, thence to the beginning for complements. Entered Jan. 11, '904.

H. W. Hardin, Entry Takers

T. S. COFFEY & CO.

The New Year has found us with a neat and complete line of General Merchandise that we have decided to sell on a very little profit for the next few weeks in order to make room for our large.....

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Stock. Dry Goods, Groceries, notions, shoes in large assortment and almost anything usually kept in a first class store. So if you are looking out for

Bargains

You can always find them in our store. This is no idle talk to draw trade, but is an absolute fact that can be easily verified by calling at our place. We also constantly keep on hand a good assortment of.....

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Corn, oats, rye, butter, eggs etc., wanted at the highest market price.

A lot of shoes, hats, and many other valuable articles of merchandise that will go while they last at.....

ABSOLUTE COST.

We are anxious for your trade and will try to merit it by selling you honest goods at honest prices. Call on us at the Coffey old stand.

Thanking our patrons for past favors, and earnestly soliciting a continuation of the same, we beg to remain,
YOURS FOR TRADE,

T. S. COFFEY & CO

Boone, N. C., Jan. 28.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by J. O. J. Potter and wife, Sarah Potter, to the State of North Carolina on the 4th day of Dec. 1900, said mortgage being given by the said J. O. J. Potter in lieu of personal security on a certain bond which he was required by this court to give in the matter of the guardianship of the minor heirs of M. A. Main, dec'd and whereas the said J. O. J. Potter, guardian has resigned as guardian aforesaid and refuses or neglects to make proper settlement with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and said bond having been declared forfeited. Now, therefore, by virtue of said power, I will sell for cash in hand on the 7th day of March 1904 at the court house door in Boone, in Watauga county at public auction between the hours of 10, a. m., and 2 o'clock, p. m. the following described tract, piece or parcel of land, situated in North Fork township Watauga county, N. C., adjoining the lands of John W. Main, Abram Potter, Frank Arnold and others. Beginning on an ash, John W. Main's and Wm. Johnson corner, thence north 50 d, west 67 poles to a locust, Enoch Potter's corner, thence south 50 d, east with the top of a small ridge, 100 poles to a ledge of rocks, thence south 12 poles to a stake at the wagon road thence with the road to the corner of the meeting house (or church) property, thence with said land to the corner of the same in the bank of the creek 12 poles to a stake at the road, thence west 33 poles to the beginning corner, containing twenty acres, it being the land purchased from John O. J. Potter, Sr. Said land will be sold to satisfy the amount of \$240.00, due and payable into court for the benefit of the heirs hereinbefore mentioned. This the 26th day of Jan. 1904.

THOS. BINGHAM, C. S. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To my friends and customers: I have just received a full and complete line of.....

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Best American hair springs, 50c.

Swiss hair springs.....25c.

Balance wheel jewels C. & F. 50c.

End stones or cap jewels.....25c.

Balance staff, best grade made—no imitation. Usual price \$1.00; my price 50c.....

Crystals, extra thick for open face. 25c.

Medium open case, 15c.

Thin for hunting case 10c.

Cleaning fine grade watches with chemicals, no chalk solution, 50c.

Lost motion restored 50c.

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cleaned and adjusted \$1. to \$2.50.

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W. H. BOWER,

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